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Discussing the relation of the cotton manufacturers to the high price of the raw staple, Mr. Richard H. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers' Record, in an interview in the Boston Transcript points out a phase of the matter which cotton men would do well to consider carefully.

A LIVELY CONTEST IN PROSPECT. Politics is proverbially as uncertain as the weather, but one assertion that can be made with some confidence is that the opponents of Governor Blease of South Carolina will make a herculean effort next summer to reverse a long established precedent and defeat him for a second term.

The manufacturers who are anxious to see lower prices by reason of the probability of a large crop this year are shortsighted. Low prices this year would inevitably drive cotton growers to other pursuits, and the smaller yield next year, with consequent abnormal high prices, would bring back all the evils from which the industry has suffered during the last few years.

The world must adjust itself to paying a higher price for cotton goods. The sooner it is done the better it will be for all interested and especially for the manufacturers. The time has passed when Southern farmers were compelled to raise cotton in former years.

If New England could turn its cotton mills into shoe factories and double the profits on the investment, and pay better wages to the laborers, nobody would say that New England must continue to make cotton goods because the world needs cotton goods.

We think this the logical view to take of the matter. The day of 5c., 6c. and 7c. cotton has gone not to come back—that is for any length of time.

STEEL COACHES. We wish to emphasize the lesson of the happily bloodless wreck which occurred the other morning near Kings Mountain. Had the Chadwick-Hoskins excursion been traveling in the ordinary old type of railway carriages nothing, in all human probability, could have prevented the sacrifice of a score or more lives.

A PERSECUTED MAN. There are some persecutions which are unspookily afflicting—in which language falls utterly to express one's feelings. Under such a persecution now languishes Representative Lafferty of Oregon—a statesman whose fair prospects seem likely to be quite clouded by the malicious hand of fate.

FROM OTHER SANCTUMS..... Kaleidoscopic. The Beattie trial now begins to look like a patchwork quilt. First it was a black crime, in which was concerned a white slave. Then when Paul Beattie was on the stand things looked blue for Henry, who turned white for the first time, and in the only possible way.

Neatly Expressed. Vardaman hit it off very well indeed when he expressed the wish that the United States would body forth in its national life more of the golden rule and less of the rule of gold. That is quite neat and most timely.—Charity and Children.

Those Government Figures. Every cotton farmer in the land will agree with an exchange which says that the scandals brought to light in the last few years in the bureau of statistics of the agricultural department in connection with the reports on the condition of the cotton crop indicate pretty strongly that the "bean" is a better servant to the speculator than it is to the man who grows and the enterprise which consumes the cotton.

Human Littleness. Science in its last analysis teaches nothing, shows nothing, but the little-ness of life. This fact is clearly demonstrated from time to time, but never more conclusively than in the height of the storm.

Almost the entire South Atlantic coast has known the severity of the storm king during the past few days and far into the inland the blast of wind and rain has left its mark. Properties that men have been years in accumulating have been wiped away in the twinkling of an eye.

of using their "recall" device upon him. Under the circumstances the sufferer feels compelled to lay bare the course of his heart history.

This naive statement is calculated to move the heart of a stone. Throughout one cannot help reading between the lines that its author feels that so far from being a would-be lady killer he has been deprived of his rightful share of feminine favor.

And to add insult to injury this is the man they have picked out to accuse of "mashing." It is simply ex-cruciating.

Judge Jones' entrance into the race would ensure the drawing of sharp lines. Governor Blease had not been in office many weeks when he became involved in a most violent controversy with the chief justice over the matter of appointing judges to hold special terms of court.

Judge Jones has occupied his present place a little over two years, having previously served thirteen years as associate justice. Prior to his elevation to the bench he had seen distinguished service in the legislature, having presided for a time as speaker of the house.

There is a striking contrast," comments the Spartanburg Herald, "between the wreck of the negro excursion train on the Seaboard Air Line at Hamlet a few weeks ago. In the accident on the Seaboard a score or more negroes were killed, their deaths being attributed to the fact that they were riding in old and frail passenger coaches when the crash came."

The Hamlet wreck is not quite a fair comparison inasmuch as in it two trains came together at a considerable rate of speed and consequently much more damage was to be expected than from a derailment only.

The "Sure Nail" of Palestine. William H. Thompson's book about the Holy Land, called "The Land and the Book," has had the curious fate of outlasting many books of Biblical criticism of a far more pretentious nature.

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